Dear Harold & Lil,

Hope this card finds you both doing well. Things are going OK here, & there's not much new to report. My job is still driving me nuts! We had another big layoff in October, & I lost more folks in my office, so now I have even more work to do. Things have been so hectic at work, I've been spending alot of my own time trying to play "catch-up", by taking work home & going in to the office on weekends. That's left little time for other things, like flying. In fact, I probably only got to go flying about 6 or 7 times this whole year, & didn't make any long trips at all. My folks are both doing OK, although my mother has arthritis pretty bad in her back & hip &, as a result, has a good deal of pain if she does too much standing or walking. All in all though, I guess we're lucky that's the worst problem she has at this point. Mary & her family are also doing fine, & Mary said to say "hi". Mary & I are thinking about making a return visit to Washington sometime this coming year, as it's been quite a while since we were last there. Hopefully, we can "coordinate" our schedules &, if so, I'll be sure to pass through Frederick along the way & stop by to see you. Meanwhile, both of you take care, & have a happy & healthy New Year.

May the peace and beauty of nature
be yours throughout the year

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas –

Love,

Karen

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